

(d) whether any reply was sent to this and if so, when, and if not, why not?

(e) whether it was stated in the petition to the Diwan dated 6th Meenam 1103 referred to in part (a) that the tobacco and the pass were then handed over by him to the A class licensee, Krishnan Nayar, his uncle, who then forwarded them to the Inspector and thence to the Magistrate; what action the Magistrate and the Inspector took in the matter?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The Trichur Inspector conducted an enquiry on 27th Edavam 1103 and subsequent days. The petition was eventually dismissed.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes, on 3rd Meenam 1103. The latter part of the question does not arise.

(e) Yes. The Magistrate returned the tobacco to the Inspector who in his turn returned it to the person who produced it before him.

Half-time system in Schools.

237. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the total number of Sirkar schools into which the half-time system or the double shift system has been introduced and what is the total number of aided schools into which the same system has been introduced;

(b) of the aided schools which have adopted this system how many have done so at the request or instance of the Government and how many have adopted it voluntarily;

(c) has the Director ascertained the view of the majority of the managers of these aided schools as to whether they are for continuing it, or whether they are for abolishing it altogether, and if so, what is their view?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Sirkar schools 27.

Aided schools 157.

(b) Aided Malayalam school Managers have been asked to introduce the system in the Lower Primary Department as vacancies arose. As has repeatedly been stated in this House, the system has been necessitated mainly by limitation of funds.

(c) The view of the majority not ascertained—but many are not in favour of it.

The Potteries.

238. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly answer:—

(a) what is the amount expended up to date on the Government Potteries;

(b) of the above, how much is spent on the construction of buildings and how much on machinery ;

(c) is all the machinery working now ; and if not, what all things are lying idle and getting rusty ;

(d) who was the first expert to be got down, what were the terms of his appointment, how long did he serve, how much money did he expend during his time, and what were the reasons for his leaving before the Potteries began to work out successfully ;

(e) whether other experts also were got down, and if so, who were they, when and why were they got down, how long did each one of them serve, what were the terms of appointment in each case and why did each one of them leave the place ;

(f) whether there is any expert now in charge of the Potteries ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 4,25,320 up to the end of 1903.

(b) The expenditure on the two together amounted to Rs. 2,77,571. Separate accounts are not available.

(c) All the machines are working except three:—

1. The new big Pipe Press.
2. The Edge Runner Mill.
3. The Plate making machines.

These are not erected but are not liable to take rust.

(d) Mr. K. V. Thampan was the first expert. He was to get a salary of Rs. 150 per mensem plus 5 % of the net profits earned by the factory for a period of 3 years. The period of his service was from 28th March 1920 to 24th August 1921. The expenditure during his time was Rs. 35,009—4—2. He resigned his post.

(e) Yes. 2 experts were got down. (1) Mr. Joseph Francis Kuehnle was the first of the two. He was got down during the time of Mr. K. V. Thampan for investigation and was appointed as the Government Pottery Expert. He remained in service from 1st November 1920 to 1st October 1923. The terms of his agreement were to construct the factory within a period of 6½ months and work the same for 3 months and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Diwan that it is commercially successful.

He was relieved as he did not fulfil the conditions of his appointment even after repeated extensions of service.

Mr. C. V. Balappa was then got down and he remained in service from 9th May 1924 to 17th August 1925. There were no special terms of appointment in his case. To start with

he was appointed on probation on a salary of Rs. 250 per mensem. He was found unsuccessful for the work and hence was relieved.

(f) No. But the Factory is in charge of a Foreman. For purposes of administration, it is under the charge of the P. W. D.

239. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) having spent so much money on an Industrial concern like the Potteries; whether they have the intention to make it run on most modern lines *in a most* successful manner;

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether they have got any scheme at present with regard to its future working;

(c) whether they have made enquiries and found out what exactly is the reason for the present unhappy state of affairs so far as the working of the Potteries is concerned and if the reason has been found, what is it;

(d) have the Government any intention to send a student of the State to Europe or Japan to get trained in Potteries?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The experts whom the Government engaged for managing the Potteries were not able to work their schemes out properly.

(d) No.

240. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who is in charge of the Government Potteries now and what is his special qualification so far as Potteries are concerned;

(b) what are the different kinds of things manufactured now;

(c) what are the things the Government intended or expected to get manufactured by the Pottery Department when the institution was originally sanctioned;

(d) if those things are not manufactured now why is it not so;

(e) have the Government made enquiries why the Potteries are a failure so far as it could not turn out the purpose for which it was started;

(f) have the Government any intention to discontinue the Potteries;

(g) whether the Potteries will be let on lease, and if so, under what terms;